

About Marion Blackburn

Marion Blackburn is a professional writer and project manager. Raised on a farm in Edgecombe County, Marion earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and a master's degree from the University of Paris (Sorbonne) with special honors before returning to teach in the Rocky Mount public schools. Marion moved to Greenville in 1992 to work at the Daily Reflector. She has been a freelance writer since 1995.

Marion has worked as a writer, editor and manager for various print and online publications. Her community involvement includes several volunteer posts; she has also served as a Big Sister, school tutor and member of the Mental Health Association. She also served as a charter member of the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and as a charter member of the Greenville Climate Protection Partnership to develop strategies for energy efficiency in the City.

Her interests include creating a more bikable, walkable City by adding sidewalks, walkways, crosswalks, greenways and bike lanes and encouraging alternative transportation. She also supports sustainable growth, with emphasis on clean energy and the jobs associated with this key economic sector.

She enjoys hiking, running and swimming.